

Representation from mini steel plant owners regarding price rise

1063. SHRI PRAKASH V. PATIL : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the mini steel plant owners to the effect that they are facing great hardship because of price rise of all essential inputs like graphite electrodes, ferro alloys, refractories, etc.;

(b) whether they have also pointed out that dumping of imported electrodes has further weakened their position; and

(c) if so, the measures Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No. Sir.

(c) There is no price control on these materials and their prices depend upon the Market conditions.

Performance of Steel Plants under SAIL

1064. SHRI SHIVENDRA BAHADUR SINGH : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) the annual net profit figures of Steel Plants under SAIL during the last three years showing installed capacity for ingot steel and finished steel, production attained, capacity utilisation, labour productivity, exports; and

(b) the reasons, if any, hindering the achievement of full capacity; and

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take towards the required rectification ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT) : (a) The plant-wise profit and loss figures for SAIL plants are given below :

Plant	Profit (+)/Loss (—)		Rs. crores
	after taxes		
	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85
Bhilai Steel Plant	19.95	(—) 2.83	49.28
Durgapur Steel Plant	(—) 44.23	(—) 63.73	(—) 53.36
Rourkela Steel Plant	(—) 74.99	(—) 100.32	27.10
Bokaro Steel Plant	18.09	0.55	11.47
Alloy Steels Plant	(—) 15.31	(—) 33.75	(—) 30.02
Salem Steel Plant	(—) 14.21	(—) 18.08	0.53
Other Units	4.94	3.63	(—) 0.76
Steel Authority of India Limited	(—) 105.76	(—) 214.53	4.24
Indian Iron and Steel Company Limited	(—) 71.05	(—) 24.06	(—) 81.60

The annual rated capacities and the production of ingot steel and saleable steel at the SAIL plants for the last three years are as under :

('000 tonnes)

Plant/Item	Annual Capacities	1982-83		1983-84		1984-85		1985-86		
		Pro-duction	% Cap. Utilisa-tion	Pro-duction	% Cap. Utilisa-tion	Pro-duction	% Cap. Utilisa-tion	(Apr. '85-Jan. 86) Plan	Pro-duction	% Cap. Utilisa-tion
Ingot Steel :										
Bhilai	2500	2130	85	1837	73	1998	77*	2085	1916	74*
Durgapur	1600	952	60	806	50	760	48	748	716	54
Rourkela	1800	1144	64	1088	68	1119	62	1038	973	65
Bokaro	2500	1829	73	1681	67	1925	77	1905	1623	78
IISCO	1000	624	62	543	54	444	44	488	458	55
TOTAL :	9400	6679	71	5955	63	6446	66*	6264	5686	68*
Saleable Steel :										
Bhilai	1965	1838	94	1575	80	1810	90*	1660	1629	82*
Durgapur	1239	813	66	602	49	621	50	579	551	53
Rourkela	1225	992	81	862	70	1013	83	819	776	76
Bokaro	1971	1529	78	1288	65	1459	74	1413	1375	84
IISCO	800	500	63	444	55	380	48	390	398	60
TOTAL :	7200	5672	79	4771	66	5283	73*	4857	4730	74*

*With respect to 2.5 M. T. stage only at Bhilai.

The labour productivity of SAIL integrated steel plants (Works Personnel) in terms of ingot tonnes per man year during the last three years period is indicated below :

Plants	Labour Productivity) (Ingot Tonnes per man year)			Export of steel by SAIL during 1982-83, 1983-84 and 1984-85 were as follows :		
	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	Year	Quantity ('000 tonnes)	Value (Rs. Millions)
Bhilai Steel Plant	71	63	69	1982-83	11.04	22.90
Bokaro Steel Plant	71	63	69	1983-84	24.4	55.61
Durgapur Steel Plant	39	34	31	1984-85	153.4	344.17
Rourkela Steel Plant	44	42	43			
Indian Iron & Steel Co.	34	28	22			

(b) and (c). SAIL plants have not been able to operate at their rated capacities mainly because of constraints of coking coal of the right quality, deterioration in other